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1. AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE AND ECONOFF PRESENTED US VIEWS CONTAINED REFTEL TO POLEZHAYEV, CHIEF OF THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS ADMINISTRATION OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE ON AUGUST 24. POLEZHAYEV AGREED IN PRINCIPLE WITH US VIEWS ON MEETING AGENDA. HE THOUGHT THAT THERE COULD BE SOME POSSIBLE CHANGES, E.G., DISCUSSION OF QUOTAS MIGHT LEAD TO DISCUSSION AT SAME TIME OF THE QUOTA MECHANISM, BUT EXPECTED PREPARATORY MEETING OF MAJOR INTERESTED COUNTRIES CALLED BY ISA EXECSECRETARY PARRY JONES TO SETTLE AGENDA. POLEZHAYEV BELIEVED IT WAS MOST VALUABLE TO START THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH DISCUSSION OF QUESTION OF QUOTAS.

2. THE FOLLOWING SOVIET VIEWS, WHICH ARE UNDOUBTEDLY ALREADY WELL-KNOWN TO WASHINGTON, EMERGED FROM CONVERSATION:

-- MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION IS THAT OF EXPORT QUOTAS, KEY TO WHICH FROM SOVIET POINT OF VIEW IS SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT FOR USSR AS EXPRESSED IN GENEVA AND LONDON. (POLEZHAYEV EXPRESSED HOPE THAT US DELEGATION WOULD NOT CONTINUE TO OPPOSE SOVIET-PROPOSED ARTICLE 31 AND STATED THAT THEIR POSITION ON THIS MATTER WAS UNCHANGED FROM LONDON.)

-- MOST DANGEROUS ASPECT OF US PROPOSALS IS PROPOSAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT FINANCING OF STOCKS BE DONE BY IMPORTERS, A MOST DANGEROUS PRECEDENT FOR OTHER COMMODITY NEGOTIATIONS.

-- WEAKNESS OF US PROPOSAL ON THE CONTROL-OF-STOCKS FUNCTION.

3. IN CLOSING POLEZHAYEV COMPLAINED OF LACK OF CONTACT BETWEEN US AND SOVIET DELEGATIONS DURING APRIL-MAY GENEVA MEETINGS AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THERE WILL BE GREATER BILATERAL COORDINATION IN NEXT ROUND. HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED HIS HOPE TO SETTLE QUESTION OF SOVIET SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT IN DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN TWO DELEGATIONS IN SEPTEMBER. TOON

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